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SUBJECT : GVN SPOKESMAN ON DON LUCE VISIT TO DONG HA

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1. DURING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED GVN PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 17, GVN SPOKESMAN TRUC WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON A REPORTED RECENT VISIT TO DONG HA, IN "PRG" CONTROLLED TERRITORY, OF AN AMERICAN GROUP INCLUDING FORMER IVS STAFFER DON LUCE. TRUC SAID THAT LUCE IS SO "DISQUALIFIED" THAT HE "WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT" ON THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES AT DONG HA. TRUC RECALLED LUCE IS THE ONE WHO HAD "DEFRAUDED WORLD OPINION WITH HIS INVENTIONS ABOUT THE CON SON 'TIGER CAGES'."

2. TRUC WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT OF ICCS CHIEFS TO
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DONG HA AND THEIR RECEPTION THERE BY MRS. NGUYEN THI BINH, "PRG"

FOREIGN MINISTER (REFTEL). TRUC
OBSERVED THAT APPARENTLY EVEN MRS.
BINH "HAD NOT DARED" TO CLAIM DONG HA IS THE CAPITAL OF THE "PRG."
THIS FACT "SPEAKS FOR ITSELF," HE CLAIMED. "HOW CAN THERE BE
A GOVERNMENT WHEN THERE IS NO CAPITAL?" TRUC ASKED.
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